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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: MAY 20 AND 24 POLADS MEETINGS

REF: A) STATE 115392, B) STATE 119099

1. AT MAY 20 AND 24 POLADS MEETINGS, WE PRESSED, BY DRAW-
ING FULLY ON REF A, FOR RESTRUCTURING OF ISD/141 SO THAT
IT WOULD CORRECTLY REFLECT ALLIED PRIORITIES AT BELGRADE.
ALLIES AGREED WITH THIS VIEW AND IS WILL PREPARE A RE-
DRAFT OF THE PAPER WHICH IT WILL CIRCULATE AS SOON AS POS-
SIBLE.

2. UK REP--WHO UNTIL NOW HAD RESISTED US ARGUMENTS IN
FAVOR OF SETTING PRIORITIES AMONG POSSIBLE NEW ALLIED PRO-
POSALS--SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARED TO BEGIN WORK
ON THIS TASK. NETHERLANDS REP SAID HE AGREED WITH NEED
FOR SETTING PRIORITIES, BUT ALLIES SHOULD NEVERTHELESS
KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN AS TO THE USE OF POSSIBLE PRO-
POSALS AT BELGRADE. WE REITERATED AT THE MAY 20 MEETING
OUR CONVICTION THAT ALLIES SHOULD START SETTING PRIORI-
TIES PROMPTLY.

3. AT MAY 24 MEETING, WE DREW ON REF B'S GUIDANCE ON
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DRAFT LIST OF POSSIBLE COMMON CRITERIA FOR TREATMENT OF
OBSERVERS. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT LIST SHOULD BE INCOR-
PORATED INTO ISD/141, POSSIBLY AS AN ANNEX. WITH REGARD
TO QUESTION IN PARA 2 OF REF B ABOUT DROPPING OF THREE
FRG CRITERIA AND MORE GENERAL LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN ISD/
142, THIS REFLECTS BRIEF POLADS DISCUSSION IN LATE MARCH
AND EARLY APRIL. AT THAT TIME, SOME ALLIED REPS NOTED

THAT CRITERIA SHOULD BE FORMULATED IN A WAY THAT WOULD HAVE SOME CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE WARSAW PACT. ALLIES ALSO NOTED THAT THE RIGHT TO ASK QUESTIONS HAD NOT BEEN AN ISSUE AT WP MANEUVERS BUT RATHER THE INADEQUACY OF THE BRIEFINGS. IN ADDITION, ALLIES POINTED OUT THAT A CRITERION OF ALLOWING OBSERVERS TO SPEAK WITH PERSONNEL TAKING PART IN THE MANEUVER MIGHT IMPEDE THE CONDUCT OF THE MANEUVER.

3. WE DO NOT NEED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AT THIS TIME.
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